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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCMAHIS

WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS

INVOLVED

**SENSITIVE**

ITEM NO: MH-5

DATE: 16 APR 74

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN MILITARY MAY BE MOVING AGAINST ENDEKATCHEN

GOVERNMENT

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THERE IS CONSIDERABLE

MILITARY MOVEMENT IN THE CITY AND BELIEVES THE ARMY HAS MOVED TO DETAIN FORMER CABINET MINISTERS. IT MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF A MILITARY TAKEOVER.

AN EARLIER REPORT

INDICATES

THAT THE CABINET YESTERDAY WAS CONCERNED THAT THE MILITARY COULD TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT AND RETAIN THE EMPEROR. THE MILITARY WERE SAID TO BELIEVE THAT THE ENDEKATCHEN GOVERNMENT COULD NOT COPE WITH ETHIOPIA'S PROBLEMS. THERE WAS SENTIMENT AMONG SOME

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CABINET MEMBERS TO INVITE THE MILITARY TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND TAKE OVER KEY MINISTRIES IN THE HOPES OF MINIMIZING CHANCES OF BLOODSHED AND A STRUGGLE FOR POWER THAT MIGHT COME ABOUT FROM AN UNCOORDINATED MILITARY COUP.

THE US EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABABA HAS REPORTS FROM GOOD SOURCES THAT MIDDLE LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS BEGAN A NEW WAVE OF ARRESTS OF FORMER OFFICIALS TODAY. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS DEVELOPMENT IS A WARNING TO PRIME MINISTER ENDELKATCHEN AND THE PALACE THAT TIME FOR ACTION IN THE DIRECTION DESIRED BY THE MILITARY IS GROWING SHORT. EE IMPDET.H

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